



PROLOGUE.

"Big Timber" is a dramatic story of love and the logging camps — a vigorous tale of lives that are made or broken by the big timber of the northwest, around which they build their hopes and aspirations. From the very first chapter the romance grips the interest of the reader, and there is no letup in the tension as Novelist Sinclair, with onderful cleverness, weaves plot which in character delineation, imaginative construction and heart interest has rarely been surpassed in a decade.

SYNOPSIS.

Estella Benton, left a penniless orphan, goes to join her brother Charlie, who is logging lumber in British Co Charlie tells Stella of his prospects

and describes his primitive manner of living. He introduces a neighbor, Paul Abbey.

Charlie and Stella proceed to his logging camp on Roaring Lake. Stella is aghast at the bareness of it and is repelled by the uncouthness of the lumbertacks.

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Stella visits Fyfe's camp while her brother is there. It is an improvement over Charlie's. Fyfe visits the Bentons and quells a drunken riot "Try it, Stella," he whispered passionamong the loggers.

sue marries him immediately. tried, and when Fyle proposes again Renness and trouble, Stella is sorely Winter sots in, tringing more drun-In spring the Fyfes return from a

honeymoon, and Stella is pleased with her new home. Looking back at that evening as the summer wore on Stella perceived that it was the starting point of many things, no one of them definitely outstanding by itself, but bulking large as

left her unmoved save in certain superficial aspects. She was sorry, but she

enied his premonition of disaster.

She never dreamed that Jack Fyfe could possibly have foreseen in Walter Menchan a dangerous factor in their lives. A man is not supposed to have is wonderfully attractive woman who was only necessary for him to be near. does not care for him except in a friendly sort of way. Stella herself had ample warning. From the first time of meeting the man's presence affected her | TT dawned upon Stella Fyfe in the strangely, made an appeal to her that I fullness of the senson, when the no man had ever made.

sonal charm in the ordinary sense of with the red and yellow and umber of the word. He was virile, handsome, autumn, that she had been playing cultured, just such a man as she could with fire and that fire burns. easily have centered her heart upon in This did not filter into her conscioustimes past-just such a man as can set ness by degrees. She had steeled her. do you think I'm that spincless sort of a woman's heart thrilling when he self to seeing him pass away with the creature? I've never forgotten I'm your Daniel Mason, deceased.

Copyright, 1916, by Little, Brown & Co. lays siege to her. If he had made an open bid for Stella's affection she, entrenched behind all the accepted canons of her upbringing, would have recoiled from him, viewed him with

wholly distrustful eyes.

But he did nothing of the sort. He was a friend, or at least be became so. Inevitably they were thrown much together. There was a continual informal running back and forth between Fyfe's place and Abbey's. Monoban was a lily of the field, although it was common knowledge on Rearing lake that he was a heavy stockholder in the Abbey-Monohan combination. At any rate, he was holidaying on the lake that summer. There had grown up a genuine intimacy between Linda and Stella. There were always people at the Abbeys', cometimes a few guests at the Fyfe bungalow. Stella's marvelous voice served to heighten her popularity. The net result of it, was that in the following three months scarce three days went by that she did ot converse with Mone



Charlie cets intoxicated and Stella She could not help making comparibecomes all the more disgusted with sons between the two men. They her surroundings. Fyfe proposes stood out in marked contrast, in manmarriage as a way out, but is re- ner, physique, in everything. Where ity, impassive featured, save for that all emotion: whimsical gleam that was never wholly absent from his keen blue eyes. camps, a big, active bodied, clear eyed, ruddy man.

What it was about him that stirred whole. Fyfe made his appeal, and it her so Stella could never determine. She knew beyond peradventure that was mostly sorry for herself. And she of quick, sympathetic perception, but about it?" so too had Jack Fyfe, she reminded herself. Yet no tone of Jack Fyfe's voice could raise a flutter in her breast, make a flush glow in her cheeks, while Menchan could do that. He did not uncanny intuitions, even when his wife net need to be actively attentive. It

CHAPTER XI. The Crisis.

first cool October days were upon There was no denying the man's per- them, and the lake shores flamed again

rest of the summer folk, to take him- wife. I've got a little self respect left to be. No word other than friendly ning. I was honest with you then, I'm ones would ever pass between them. trying to be honest with you now." He would go away, and she would go converse by glance of eye, by subtle might stalk grimly in that room.

her lower lip compressed between her horizon. I've failed. I've known for teeth, she saw Fyfe, after the lapse of some time that I was going to fail, ten minutes, leave by the front en You're not the thin blooded type of wotrance, stopping to chat a minute with man that is satisfied with pleasant sur-Linda and Charlie Benton, who were roundings and any sort of man. You're moving slowly toward the house. Stel- bound to run the gamut of all the emoia rose to her feet and dabbed at her tions, some time and somewhere. I face with a powdered chamois. She loved you and I thought in my conceit couldn't let Monohan go like that; her I could make myself the man, the one heart cried out against it. Very likely man who would mean everything to they would never meet again,

She flew down the hall to the living room. Monohan stood just within the front door gazing irresolutely over his way w shoulder. He took a step or two to g meet her. His clean cut face was # PRACTICAL HEALTH HINTS. drawn into sullen lines, a deep flush & mantled his cheek.

"Listen," he said tensely, "I've been 12 made to feel like-like- Well, I con- # cold may be avoided by the use # trolled myself. I knew it had to be # of camphor. If the chest seems # that way. It was unfortunate. I think ""tight" rub it thoroughly with # we could have been trusted to do the g equal parts of sweet oil and g decent thing. You and I were bred to # camphor and wear a compress # do that. I've got a little pride. I can't g during the night of flannel sat- g come here again. And I want to see # urated with the mixture, heated # you once more before I leave here for & and covered with dry flannel # good. I'll be going away next week. W Three or four drops of camphor M That'll be the end of it—the bitter fin- & in a glass of hot water taken at # point south of Cougar bay about 3 in " is a little sore use a gargle of " the afternoon tomorrow? It'll be the # ten drops of camphor to a table- # last and only time. He'll have you for # spoonful of water, being care- # life; can't I talk to you for twenty " ful not to swallow this. Rul- "

can't do that. I—oh, goodby; goodby!" to of the latter will help matters to "Stella, Stella!" she heard his vi- " when the head has a sensation " brant whisper follow after. But she . of fullness. ran away through dining room and hall to the bedroom, there to fling her. 非理理理理理理理理理理理理理 relf face down, choking back the pas-

the house once after that. When din- stitutional remedy. Catarrhal Deafwas 11 o'clock by the timepiece on her tion of the mucous lining of the but he did not come to their room. He inflamed you have a rumbling sound went quietly into the guest chamber or imperfect hearing and when it is across the hall.

Then, moved by an impulse she did not duced to its normal condition hearing attempt to define, a mixture of motives, will be destroyed forever. Many cases FOR SALE A beautiful black walnut pity for him, a craving for the outlet of of deafness are caused by catarri. words, a desire to set herself right be- which is an inflamed condition of the fore him, she slipped on a dressing mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrh Medrobe and crossed the hall. The door icine acts thru the blood on the mu- FOR SALE-A bargein-eight room swung open noiselessly. Fyfe sat cons surfaces of the system. slumped in a chair, hat puffed low on We will give One Hunared Dollars pockets. He did not even look up. His that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh 398-X. eyes stared straight ahead, absent, un-seeingly fixed on nothing. He seemed Medicine. Circulars free. All Drugto be unconscious of her presence or to gists, 75c. ignore it, she could not tell which.

"Jack," she said. And when he made no response she said again tremulous- Administrator's Sale of Real Estate ly, that unyielding silence chilling her,

wonderful expressiveness of face. He to be said, much that was needful to gan to speak, cutting straight to the as follows, to wit:

"Nothing," she answered slowly. "I of Illinois. can't help the feeling. It's there. But I can thrust it into the background and of sale and delivery of deed. go on as if it didn't exist. There's nothing else for me to do that I can see. I'm sorry, Jack."

was a chance we took-or I took, rather. I seem to have made a mistake or for paving. two in my estimate of both you and Terms of sale-10 per cent, of the sweep you off your feet."

for contempt in his tone. It stung her. Dated this 28th day of August, A. D. "He hasn't swept me off my feet, as 1917. you put it," she cried. "Good heavens,

self out of her life. She admitted that | yet if I was weak enough to grasp at there would be a gap. But that had the straw you threw me in the begin-

"I know, Stella," he said gently, "I'm on as before. That was all. She was not throwing mud. It's a very upforscarcely aware how far they bad trav- tunate state of affairs, that's all. I were married. You were candid enough prehension of consequences seized her, about your attitude. But I told myself a fear that tragedy of her own making like a conceited fool that I could make your life so full that in a little while Sitting beside a window, chin in hand. I'd be the only possible figure on your

CTO BE CONTINUED.)

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of the Abbey cruiser growing fainter reach the diseased portion of the ear. and more faint told her they were gone. There is only one way to cure catar-She heard her husband walk through that deafness and that is by a con- FOR SALE-Vacant lots, either sinentirely closed, Deafness is the result. She waited through a leaden period. Unless the inflammation can be re-

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He stirred a little, but only to take By virtue of an order and decree off his hat and lay it on a table beside of the probate court of La Salle coun- September 29, 1917, at 2 o'clock in the sections, laws covering same and dehim. With one hand pushing back me- ty, Illinois, made on the petition of chanically the straight, reddish tinged the undersigned. Edward S. Morahn. hair from his brow, he looked up at administrator of the estate of Daniel Fyfe was reserved almost to tacitum- her and said briefly in a tone barren of Mason deceased, for leave to sell the acre farm owned by said Zimmermann Oregon. real estate of said deceased, at the "Well?"

August term, A. D. 1916, of said court, to-wit: on the 11th day of August. Monohan talked with facile ease, with ed her utterly. Yet there was much 1916, I shall on Saturday, the 29th was a finished product of courteons say. They could not go on with a cloud day of September, 1917, at ten o'clock generations. Moreover, he had been like that over them, a cloud that had a. m. of said day, sell at public sale, everywhere, done a little of everything. to be dissipated in the crucible of at the premises hereinafter describacquired in his manner something of words. Yet she could not begin. Fyfe, ed at No. 219 West Jefferson street, the versatility of his experience. Phys- after a prolonged silence, seemed to in the city of Ottawa, county of La ically he was fit as any logger in the grasp her difficulty. Abruptly he be- Salle and State of Illinois, described

heart of his subject after his fashion. The homestead of the late Daniel Court of La Salle County, Illinois. "It's a pity things had to take this Mason, deceased, being the north particular turn," said he. "But now eighty-five (85) feet of lot three (3) miles northwest of Ottawa, and con that you're face to face with something in block ninety (90) in State's Addi- sists of about eighty acres of tillable he had that power. He had the gift definite, what do you propose to do tion to the town, town now city of Ot- land and about eighty acres of pasture LU. T Black bag (leather) some e Princeton-Ladd and intermediate tawa, county of La Salle and State and woodland, a great deal of which where in "loop" district. Finder

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myself. That is human enough, I sup- amount bid cash on the day of sale pose. You're making a bigger mistake and the balance of the purchase price than I did, though, to let Monohan upon the approval of the report of ject to the present tenant's rights. sale by the probate court of La Salle There was something that she read county, Illinois.

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